The Department of Sociology has long offered SOC 42300 (Field Practicum in Criminal Justice) to our majors specializing in Law and Society. Under the leadership of William Coghill, the course and the instructor have received outstanding reviews.

During the past year, a faculty Task Force created a new internship course explicitly for Sociology Majors. Research Internship in Sociology is a variable-credit (3-6) course to provide Sociology undergraduates with a “real world” internship. It is designed to enrich students’ understanding and use of sociological research skills—and aid their career development.

The Task Force of Professors Rachel Einwohner, Scott Feld, Christie Sennott, and Mangala Subramaniam worked with Interim Head Ken Ferraro to obtain a $10,000 Innovate grant from the College of Liberal Arts to create the course and launch the first cohort of undergraduate student interns. Ferraro is supervising the students this summer, which involves weekly communications and occasional site visits.

The five students and their placements are:
- Wanga Kardee, Concentrics Research, Indianapolis
- Dustin Levesque, Indiana State Police
- Christine Nutt, Concentrics Research, Indianapolis
- Leslie Ruiz-Torrijos, Prosecutor’s Office, Tippecanoe County, Lafayette, IN
- Bethany Simon, Research Division, Presbyterian Church, USA, Louisville, KY

These are the first student interns at Concentrics Research (CR) and the Presbyterian Church, USA (PC USA). CR is a contract research organization that specializes in health-care consumer research, focusing on studies to determine if it is feasible to transition prescription medications to over-the-counter distribution. Wanga Kardee (at right) and Christine Nutt report that they learned valuable information about the protection of human subjects for medication studies and recently drafted an Informed Consent Form (ICF) and pre-screener for a label comprehension study.

Bethany Simon has the unique opportunity to work with Purdue University Sociology PhD alumni. Deb Coe is the Coordinator of Research Services, and Angie Andriot is a Research Associate; they serve as Bethany’s primary supervisors at the PCUSA. An example of a qualitative research project she completed was to consolidate 500 pages of text from interviews with pastors and lay leaders of 10 Kentucky churches into a 30-page report.

The placements for Leslie Ruiz-Torrijos (at right) and Dustin Levesque are in different phases of the criminal justice system. Leslie works in the Victim Assistance Program of the Prosecutors Office. Dustin is on the front line of law enforcement, regularly accompanying State Troopers on night shift rides.

(Continued, see Internships, page 4)
After Bert Useem’s 5 years of devoted service to the Department, I answered the call to serve as Interim Head of Sociology. Although I joined the Purdue faculty in 1990 and never sought the role, I agreed to take the helm for a year. Purdue University—and the Department of Sociology in particular—have been good to me, so I reasoned that this was another moment in my life to pay it forward.

In this column, I briefly review the past year and explain why Sociology Notes is now Notable Sociology at Purdue.

With the rapid evolution of how we exchange information, I felt Sociology needed a new communications portfolio. It began with Written in Stone, a monthly newsletter designed largely for internal communications (but available upon request). I am aware that we can capture information about our colleagues and students online, but it also is nice to have a monthly package to recognize their manifold accomplishments. To reach a wider audience, Notable Sociology at Purdue (NSAP) contains much of the information available in its predecessor, but provides more detail on recent activities and achievements.

I admit that I enjoyed serving as Department Head because it gave me the opportunity to learn about the successes of my colleagues and to cultivate future accomplishments. After a year as Head (in Stone 302), my appreciation for the Department has swelled. This is an amazing Department—and the success of our alumni is a testament to the value of a Purdue Sociology degree.

To understand why I think this is a great department, let me provide information to make the case. When it comes to teaching, Purdue Sociology is notable. On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 refers to "poor" and 5 refers to "excellent," 74% of our instructors were rated by students as 4 or higher. These instructors include both our faculty and advanced graduate students who teach on their own. Our instructors also have won awards for teaching and mentoring from the College of Liberal Arts and the University.

Research productivity is equally impressive. Our 21 faculty published 32 referred journal articles during 2015 in top journals including, but not limited to: Demographic Research; Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change; Sociology of Health and Illness; and The Gerontologist.

Through the first half of 2016, the list of journals is again impressive: American Sociological Review; Demography; International Migration Review; Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Journal of Marriage and Family; and Social Forces. I could go on about chapters in anthologies, but the picture is clear; this is an active set of scholars who regularly publish in some of the world’s most acclaimed scholarly journals in sociology and related fields of inquiry.

Many of these journal articles are with current or former graduate students, an auspicious sign of our graduate training program. Dan Olson served this year as Director of Graduate Studies and has been very effective. Under his leadership, we have recruited an exceptionally well-qualified cohort of 10 incoming graduate students for fall 2016.

On the metric of extramural research grants, multi-year projects totaling more than $11 million were active during this past year (see p. 10). Extramural grants are an "input measure," but the anticipated outputs are notable. The success of our faculty to obtain highly competitive extramural support is palpable. I am confident that it will generate useful knowledge to aid the human condition.

I hope you sense the excitement. We made physical changes to Stone Hall as well as to our social organization. Sociology is the envy of many departments. To quote a fellow Big Ten chair: “I am impressed by the many successes of your department.” Within these pages of NSAP, you will learn of other enhancements, our successful faculty recruiting season, and initiatives to catapult us to further success.

We have 5 outstanding Assistant Professors, who I refer to as the Fab Five. Choose your metrics, and I doubt that there are many sociology departments in North America, perhaps none, that manifest the scholarship, teaching effectiveness, and enthusiasm as these five. Good news: we are adding two outstanding Assistant Professors this fall.

I have been pleased to play a part in moving us forward, but many people, especially Dean David Reingold, have taken on vital roles. He is propelling the College of Liberal Arts toward a vision that I embrace with enthusiasm. The Graduate Program Upgrade is a spectacular initiative.

I also am grateful for a dedicated array of faculty, staff, and students who have supported me to take Purdue Sociology to a higher level. The future is bright, and it is my distinct pleasure to hand the reins to Linda Renzulli, who will become the Head of the Department on October 1, 2016. Please welcome and support her so that others will learn just how notable Sociology is at Purdue University.

Ken Ferraro, Distinguished Professor and Interim Head
Three Assistant Professors joined our Department in 2014, and we profile their recent research progress.

Jean Beaman joined the Sociology faculty following postdoctoral fellowships at the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) and Duke University. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Northwestern University.

She is currently completing her book entitled *Citizen Outsider: Children of North African Immigrants in the French Republic*. By focusing on the North African second-generation, this book is an ethnographic examination of the intersections of race, citizenship, and societal belonging. She asks how the descendants of French colonialism in the Maghreb fare in France. France has a different model of identity politics than the United States. In France, every citizen is considered French and equal in relationship to the state. There is no French equivalent, for example, of Asian American or African-American.

Being French is supposed to trump all other aspects of one’s identity. In fact, it is illegal for the French government to collect data about race and ethnic origin and in 2013, the National Assembly prohibited the use of the term “race” in legislation.

Yet, France has a long history of immigration, mostly stemming from its former colonial empire in the North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa and elsewhere. In 2005, images of working-class and immigrant-origin banlieue youth in France rebelling against police harassment, discrimination, unemployment, and underemployment circulated throughout the world.

To many Americans, these uprisings, which began when two immigrant-origin youth died as they tried to flee from police, and spread throughout France’s banlieues for about three weeks that fall, revealed the limitations of France’s Republican model, which downplays differences among its citizens.

Yet this is not the complete picture. Beaman’s research focuses on the middle-class segment of the North African second-generation – individuals who are upwardly-mobile compared to their immigrant parents. Her research reveals how race and ethnicity are salient in structuring French society.

Despite France’s Republican ideology promoting national unity, racial and ethnic minorities—including the North African second-generation—are frequently reminded of their difference in both implicit and explicit ways. In this way, a consciousness of race exists simultaneously with a denial of race. For example, one of her interviewees, who is a second-generation Tunisian immigrant woman, feels continually reminded that she is “French in the second degree,” or not fully seen as French by her fellow citizens. Even individuals who are successful in terms of education and employment status nonetheless feel as though they have to justify themselves in the eyes of others.

Christie Sennott completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado, where she received her PhD in 2013. Her research focuses on childbearing, motherhood, and relationship formation and how these experiences are related to women’s health and well-being over the life course.

Since joining Purdue, she has received funding from the Purdue Research Foundation (Summer Faculty Grant and International Travel Grant) and the College of Liberal Arts (Aspire Research Enhancement Grant) to collect new qualitative data from women in rural South Africa on women’s rights and relationships, which she completed in October 2015.

She also received the 2015 Award for Excellence in Family Research from the Center for Families at Purdue. Her ongoing research projects examine: the influence of AIDS on relationship patterns and fertility preferences in rural South Africa; the measurement of unintended pregnancy and implications for maternal and child health in sub-Saharan Africa; and ambivalence in fertility preferences in Malawi.
Daniel Winchester earned the PhD in 2013 from the University of Minnesota. Dan’s fields of expertise are the sociology of religion, culture, identity, social theory, morality, and qualitative methods (particularly ethnography).

Broadly speaking, his research examines how social actions are shaped by broader cultural practices and social relations.

To date, a great deal of Dan’s research has focused on the process of religious conversion. He has conducted in-depth ethnographies of this process among both Muslim and Eastern Orthodox Christian converts. His findings from this research have been published in Social Forces, Theory & Society, and, most recently, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, among other outlets.

He also has a number of manuscripts from these projects currently under review, such as an analysis of religious fasting that provides broader insights into recent sociological debates regarding culture and cognition and a paper that puts forth a new theorization of the relationship between material culture and religious identity. Dan has also been working with colleagues at the University of Minnesota on a nationwide project that uses focus group data to examine how people collectively reason about social controversies. The first article from that collaboration was recently published in Qualitative Sociology.

In addition to the above research, Dan recently received a $96,000 grant from the Universities of Notre Dame and North Carolina-Chapel Hill to fund a new research project on contemporary Evangelical missionary culture and strategies of global evangelization. He is currently conducting historical and documentary research for this project and will be conducting ethnographic fieldwork with missionaries themselves in academic year 2016-2017. NSAP

Caitlin Young is Sociology’s Outstanding Senior for 2016, an honor presented by the College of Liberal Arts Alumni Board. Caitlin also is the winner of Purdue’s Beinecke Scholarship to enable highly motivated students to pursue graduate school. Each scholar receives $4,000 prior to entering graduate school and an additional $30,000 while attending graduate school.

Caitlin will work as a research assistant for a year prior to beginning graduate studies in 2017. Congratulations, Caitlin!

Summer placements fit well with the academic schedule, but the Task Force also is offering the course during fall semester 2016 to accommodate a range of student schedules.

Ferraro remarked that he is enjoying working with the students:

*It is wonderful to see the students take their understanding of sociological concepts and skills to a new level. It is one thing to view artwork in a museum; it is another thing to take brush or chisel in hand to create a piece of art. Our students are taking the “sociological brush” in hand and will be better prepared for career development as a result of these internships.*

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Notable Scholarship (continued)

Outstanding Senior, 2016

Caitlin Young receives the Outstanding Senior Award from Dean David Reingold at the CLA Awards Banquet, April 15, 2016.

High achievement always takes place in the framework of high expectation.

*Charles F. Kettering*
As noted earlier, we are delighted to welcome four new faculty colleagues this fall. During fall 2015, we interviewed and recruited two Assistant Professors.

**Shawn Bauldry** earned Sociology BA and MA degrees from Wake Forest University and University of Washington, respectively, before continuing his studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. At UNC, he earned both the MS in statistics and the PhD in Sociology. He previously was Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Bauldry brings expertise in the quantitative analysis of social science data, medical sociology, and social inequality. His research findings have been reported in top outlets such as *Social Forces, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Psychometrika, Sociological Methods & Research, and Social Science & Medicine*.

During fall, Professor Bauldry will teach a graduate seminar on Advanced Social Research Methods – Multivariate Statistics and an undergraduate course on Mental Health.

**Spencer Headworth** joins the Department after earning the PhD in Sociology from Northwestern University. As an undergraduate, he double majored in Sociology and Psychology at Bowling Green State University.

Headworth studies crime, law, social control, and inequality. His research has already been published in *Social Forces* and the *Du Bois Review*.

His dissertation examined “policing of welfare” to counteract fraud in public assistance programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (previously known as AFDC).

Professor Headworth will teach courses this fall on the Sociology of Law and Social Stratification.

The Department is also adding two Professors.

**Linda Renzulli** was recruited to be the next Head of Sociology, and she will assume the position on October 1. She earned the BA in Sociology and Special Education from Rutgers University and the MA and PhD degrees from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

She was a Sociology faculty member at the University of Georgia from 2001 to 2016, rising from Assistant to Professor. She has published in top journals such as *Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociology of Education*, and *Work & Occupations*.

Her scholarly interests include sociology of education, organizational change, and stratification. She also was recently named editor of *Sociology of Education*, an official journal of the American Sociological Association.

**Jeremy Reynolds** brings expertise in social stratification, work and occupations, and research methods.

He earned the BA in Sociology and German from Notre Dame and the MA and PhD from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He previously was on the faculty of the University of Georgia.


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Honors/Awards

**Akin Ayodele** received the 2015 *Emerging Voice Award* from the Purdue College of Liberal Arts. Akin earned the BA in Sociology in 2001 and distinction during his nine-year NFL career.

**Jean Beaman** received a 2016 Purdue Research Foundation Faculty Summer Grant titled *Citizen Outsider: Children of North African Immigrants in the French Republic*.

**Jean Beaman** received the 2015-2016 Daryl P. Evans Faculty Teaching Award.

**Rachel Einwohner** was appointed a fellow in the Center for Social Sciences of the College of Liberal Arts.

**Kevin Dougherty** (PhD, 2003) won the 2015 Outstanding Professor Award from the Baylor University College of Arts and Sciences.

**Ken Ferraro** delivered the 2015 Matilda White Riley Distinguished Scholar Award Lecture at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association’s Section on Aging and the Life Course in Chicago.

**Rong Fu** won a 2016 Teaching Academy Graduate Teaching Award.

**Beth Hoffman** was appointed a fellow in the Center for Social Sciences of the College of Liberal Arts.

**Jong Hyun Jung** won the Department’s 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award.

**Jessica Kelley-Moore** (PhD, 2002) was elected chair of the Section on Aging and the Life Course, American Sociological Association.

**Brian Kelly** and Richard Carpiano, University of British Columbia, are the new co-editors of the American Sociological Association’s *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

**Blakelee Kemp** is the 2016-2017 recipient of the Eichhorn Fellowship in Medical Sociology.

**Preethi Krishnan** and **Mangala Subramaniam** received a 2016 Purdue Research Foundation Grant.

**Ashleigh Kysar-Moon** was chosen as the College of Liberal Arts nominee for the 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award of the Graduate School.

**Michael Light** received a Warwick Visiting Fellowship at the School of Law, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK.

**Dan Olson** was elected President of the Association for Sociology of Religion.

**Soon Seok Park** was selected for the Center for the Study of Social Movements’ 2016 Young Scholars Conference (Notre Dame).

**Soon Seok Park** and **Rachel Einwohner** received a 2016 Purdue Research Foundation Grant.

**Andrew Raridon** won the 2015-2016 Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology.

**Andrew Raridon** and **Michael Light** received a 2016 Purdue Research Foundation Grant.

**Christie Sennott** won the 2015 Award for Excellence in Family Research from Purdue’s Center for Families.

**Kevin Stainback** was appointed to the Editorial Board of the *American Sociological Review*.

**Mangala Subramaniam** was appointed a fellow in the Center for Social Sciences of the College of Liberal Arts.

**Mangala Subramaniam** and **Preethi Krishnan** received the 2015 Excellence in Research Award from the CLA Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion.

**Jill Suitor** was inducted into the Sociological Research Association.

**Jill Suitor** won the Discovery Excellence Award from Purdue’s College of Liberal Arts.

**Jared Wright** won the Excellence in Graduate Research Award from the CLA Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion.

**Fenggang Yang** delivered the Presidential address at the annual fall meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) in 2015.

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**The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated.**

*William James*

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**Welcome Warren Dukes**

We are pleased to announce that Warren Dukes has joined the Department as a Lecturer. He received the PhD from North Carolina Agriculture & Technical State University and taught one course during spring 2016.

Dr. Dukes transitions to fulltime during fall to teach Introductory Sociology and Racial and Ethnic Diversity. Previously on the faculty of Saint Augustine’s University, he also brings expertise in criminology and criminal justice.
Name that Purdue Sociologist

Match the letter of the person with the appropriate biographical notes. Answers on page 9.

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<td>1. This sociologist was born in Stuttgart, Germany, and came to the United States as a teenager in 1933: “his entire family quickly left Germany just as the early strains of virulent anti-Semitism began to show” (ForeWard Review, 2001). He served in the US Army from 1942 to 1945, joined Purdue’s faculty in 1947, and earned a PhD from Northwestern in 1957.</td>
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<td>2. This sociologist was born in Omaha, NE and earned the BS from the University of Santa Clara. He earned the MS and PhD degrees from Purdue (1962 and 1968, respectively) and retired from the UCLA Departments of Health Policy and Management and Sociology. According to Google Scholar, there are over 21,000 citations to his published work (h-index=65). Forty of his publications have been cited at least 100 times.</td>
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<td>3. After earning the BA from Michigan State and the MS from Eastern Michigan, this sociologist earned the PhD from Purdue University in 1977. This person is recognized as one of the world’s leading authorities on the death penalty, especially pioneering studies of erroneous convictions. Articles appear in top sociology journals and law reviews. This Purdue sociologist also has provided expert testimony in 70 death penalty cases. Winner of the William Chambliss Award for Outstanding Life Achievement in Law and Society, Society for the Study of Social Problems.</td>
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<td>4. A native of Waxahachie, Texas, this Purdue sociologist earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University, then completed a term of service for VISTA in rural Georgia. After earning the PhD from Purdue in 1973, this scholar wrote 8 books, several of which appeared in a second edition, and 75 refereed journal articles. This person is widely known as a scholar of health inequality and access to care. According to Google Scholar, 14 publications have been cited at least 200 times (one article has about 2,000 citations). This Purdue sociologist was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.</td>
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<td>5. This Purdue sociologist completed a BA from the State University of New York, Cortland as a double major: sociology and mathematics! After completing the PhD in sociology at Purdue, this scholar completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, Duke University. An avid runner, this person has published more than 250 refereed journal articles in outlets including the American Journal of Public Health, Journal of the American Medical Association, Journal of Gerontology, and Social Science and Medicine. According to Google Scholar, 10 of this sociologist’s articles have been cited more than 400 times.</td>
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<td>6. A native of Niagara Falls, New York, this person earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Purdue in 1980 and subsequently a Master of Social Work from Indiana. This Purdue sociologist has a strong record of community service, including President, Warren County Council, and Representative, Indiana State House of Representatives. For more than 35 years, this person served the community through the Lafayette Urban Ministry.</td>
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<td>7. After earning a BA in anthropology from Temple, this person earned the MA and PhD in sociology from Purdue University. She joined the faculty of Thomas Jefferson University as Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, focusing on research and instruction related to gerontology. Nine years later, this Purdue sociologist became the Founding Director of the Community and Homecare Research Division in the TJU College of Health Professions. In 2011, this scholar became the Founding Director of the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing’s Center for Innovative Care in Aging—an interdivisional, collaborative research initiative focusing on intervention and implementation science. According to Google Scholar, her research has been cited over 8,500 times (h-index of 44).</td>
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<td>8. This sociologist earned the BS from Purdue, majoring in sociology and mathematics, and stayed on to earn the PhD in sociology. Before joining his or her current institution, this sociologist was on the faculty of Kent State, Nebraska, and Kansas. A leading scholar in sociological theory and scientific methods and network exchange, this Boilermaker is the author of four monographs and multiple articles in each of the following journals: American Sociological Review, Journal of Mathematical Sociology, Social Forces, Social Networks, Social Psychology Quarterly, and Sociological Theory.</td>
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<td>9. This sociologist was born in New York City in 1931 and served in the United States Marine Corps before earning a BS in education from State university of New York at Cortland. This person subsequently earned the MS and PhD from Purdue, embarking on the study of work and occupations, social class, and complex organizations. The Boilermaker is the author of more than a dozen books, including some textbooks, and 90 refereed articles in leading journals such as: American Sociological Review, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociology of Education, and Sociological Quarterly.</td>
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<td>10. This sociologist earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and sociology from Seton Hill College (Greensburg, PA) as well as the PhD from Purdue. As a medical sociologist, this Boilermaker has published in journals such as Academic Medicine, Health Education and Behavior, Journal of Health Communication, and Journal of Rural Health. This Purdue sociologist has received national recognition for work in public health research and community partnerships. After founding university multiple organizations—centres and institutes this person is now a vice president for academic outreach at a US medical school.</td>
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<td>11. This person earned a BA in sociology from Hampton University, a dual-title PhD from Purdue (Sociology and Gerontology), and a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins. This Purdue sociologist currently works for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiologist, Division of Violence Prevention (Atlanta). Of note, this Boilermaker served as an Invited Researcher on First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! Child Care Initiative. The program is part of the First Lady’s national effort to prevent childhood obesity; it supports early education providers in helping children get a healthy start in life—and develop healthy habits.</td>
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The Eichhorn Fellowship in Medical Sociology was established at Purdue in 2012. The fellowship honors the legacy of Robert L. Eichhorn as an accomplished educator, researcher, and mentor during his career at Purdue. Given that the Fellowship has been conferred four times, we provide an overview of the impact of this coveted award on the careers of its first recipients.

**Lindsay Wilkinson** received the Eichhorn Fellowship in 2013 and earned the PhD in 2014. She is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Baylor University and was selected by Baylor's Vice Provost for Research as a 2015-2016 Rising Star. Publications since the Fellowship appear in the *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, and *The Gerontologist*. According to Lindsay, "the fellowship allowed me to seek additional training using survey data, which provided the foundation for my dissertation research, and led to my first sole-authored publication and a successful external grant proposal."

**Patricia M. Morton** received the Eichhorn Fellowship in 2014, earned the PhD in 2016, and has began a post-doctoral fellowship at Rice University (Sociology and Statistics). After receiving the Fellowship, she won the Best Paper Award, Theoretical Developments in Social Gerontology, Gerontological Society of America. Recent publications appear in the *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *Demography*, *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, and *Social Science & Medicine*. Patricia remarked that "the Eichhorn Fellowship greatly fostered my professional development as a medical sociologist, enabling me to enhance my research skills and academic portfolio."

**Xiaozhao Yosef Yang** was awarded the Eichhorn Fellowship in 2015, earned the PhD in 2016, and is Assistant Professor of Sociology, Murray State University. Publications since the Eichhorn Fellowship appear in *Health & Place*, *Sociology of Health & Illness*, and *European Journal of Public Health*.

**Blakelee Kemp** received the Eichhorn Fellowship in 2016. She is investigating the early social origins of adult health.

The Department has long occupied Stone Hall, and 2015-16 proved to be a year of updates to the physical plant. Track the progress, clockwise from top right.

1. The “tunnel entrance” to the main office (303), flanked by mailboxes, was a bottleneck; the mailboxes were moved.

2 & 3. The door was positioned for better traffic flow (although 2 was the view of the main office during Spencer Headworth’s campus visit).

4. Karen Studebaker (left) and Candy Lawson get down to assemble guest chairs.

5. Welcome to the new reception area.

6. The conference room also was refreshed with a chair rail, paint, and new lighting. Many dissertation defenses are conducted in this room, and the air seems lighter after the updates.
Extramural Grants

The following grants from external sources were active during the 2015-2016 academic year.


Intramural Grants

The following faculty applied for and received one or more intramural grants during the past year:


Many faculty and graduate students also received travel grants from the College of Liberal Arts.

Welcome

2016 Graduate Student Cohort

Highest degree

Robert Frase BA, University of Akron, OH
Lucas Hanna MA, University of Northern Colorado, CO
Samantha Hansford BA, Georgetown College, KY
Jiayin Hu BA, Purdue University, IN
Brian L. McPhail MA, Fuller Theological Seminary, CA
Jordan A. Meyer MA, Ball State University, IN
Abigail Nawrocki BA, Spring Arbor University, MI
Scott E. Roepke BA, Minnesota State, Moorhead, MN
Stephanie Wilson MA, University of Northern Colorado, CO
Callie Zaborenko BS, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world; and that is an idea whose time has come.

Victor Hugo

Answers to Name that Purdue Sociologist:
1. d; 2. b; 3. i; 4. a; 5. j; 6. g; 7. c; 8. k; 9. h; 10. f; 11. e.
Becka Alper (PhD, 2012) is a Research Associate at the Pew Research Center, Washington, DC.

Matthew Bahr (PhD, 2002) is Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Gonzaga University, WA.

Sandy Bohl retired in May 2016 from her position as the Department’s Account Clerk.

Tyrell Connor earned the PhD in 2015 and is Assistant Professor of Sociology at State University of New York, New Paltz.

Jan Cortner retired in December 2015 from her position as a CLA Advisor to students in Sociology and Law and Society.

Rachel Einwohner was promoted to Professor of Sociology at Purdue.

Richard Featherstone (PhD, 2002) is the Dean of Humanities at Dixie State University, UT.

Rong Fu earned the PhD (dual-title in Sociology and Gerontology) during May 2016 and will be an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Siena College (New York).

Abigail Howard earned the PhD in 2015 and is a Researcher at Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Seoyoun Kim earned the PhD (dual-title in Sociology and Gerontology) during 2015 and is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Texas State University, San Marcos.

Miao Li earned the PhD in 2015 and will be a post-doctoral fellow at University of Notre Dame.

Joan Marshall, Senior Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts, retired in June 2016.

Kristopher Morgan (PhD, 2009) is Senior Analytic and Research Scientist at Press Ganey Associates, NC.

Patricia Morton earned the PhD (dual-title in Sociology and Gerontology) during May 2016 and is a post-doctoral fellow at Rice University, jointly appointed in the Departments of Sociology and Statistics.

Dan Olson was promoted to Professor of Sociology at Purdue.

Karis Pressler is a Project Coordinator with the Purdue University School of Nursing.

Marissa Rurka earned the Sociology MS in May 2016 and is enrolled in the PhD program.

Jennifer Stevens earned the PhD in 2015 and is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Eastern Illinois University.

Zhenyu Tang earned the PhD in 2015 and is Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, East Tennessee State University.

Yunping Tong earned the Sociology MS in May 2016 and is enrolled in the PhD program.

Nicholas Vargas (PhD, 2013) is Assistant Professor in the Center for Latin American Studies and Department of Sociology at the University of Florida.

Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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